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Toc H is a Movement of people who seek to build friendships, and offer service, across the barriers that usually divide us from one another. The basic unit is the group — at best a good cross-section of the local neighbourhood — which meets together regularly, and seeks to serve the community around it. Toc H was founded in 1915 by the Rev P B 'Tubby' Clayton, and since then has been providing opportunities for people to test the Christian way by practical experiment.

All members pledge themselves to try:

1. To welcome all in friendship and lessen by habit of thought, word and deed the prejudices which separate people.
2. To give personal service.
3. To find their own convictions while listening with respect to the views of others.
4. To acknowledge the spiritual nature of man and to test the Christian way by trying it.

This magazine is a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world as well as a record of Toc H service. Its title derives from the third of these Four Points.

Editorial

Ernie says . . .

Many members of Toc H will remember 'The Journal', which, for the uninitiated, was what 'Point Three' was before it became 'Point Three', if you see what I mean. Ernie was a character who appeared every month, slumped in his armchair. He was the very picture of the kind of apathetic, indifferent member who can only be raised to activity by the threat of change, or the sight of someone else sitting in his seat. Of course, he speaks, and gives voice to some of the hilarious/awful things that can be heard in Toc H meetings to this very day. For instance, Ernie says, *'Let's advertise our meeting for seven-thirty and then we can start punctually at eight'*. He was perfectly capable of producing the kind of convoluted English with which any Editor of any magazine will soon become all too familiar, like *'You can't always sometimes tell what's least expected most'*. (Unravel that, if you can!)

The perceptive reader will by now have guessed, perhaps, that being at something of a loss as to what to write for my last Editorial I have been rummaging among past publications in search of an idea. I looked at several past issues of 'Point Three' and 'The Journal', and finally turned to 'The Journal' for June 1965. Why then? Well not simply by chance — that was when I first came on the staff as a part-time padre, so imagine my pleasure at finding a remarkably appropriate 'bon mot' from Ernie! *'Padre, at times I think yours must be a pretty soul-destroying job'*.

Part of the secret of Ernie's success lay not only in his ability to be a sardonic commentator and thus to raise a smile, but also in the fact that much of what he had to say got pretty close to the truth of things, and he could often be taken seriously at the same time that he made you laugh. The comment about padres certainly rang a bell with me, as no doubt it did with my brand new colleagues in 1965. And I had several hundred clerical colleagues then — almost every Branch had one, and every Area did too. They were all honorary. I don't remember how many staff padres there were, only that there were rather more than the three of us who now try and spread ourselves across the Movement.

Now of course it would be foolish to try and measure the spiritual life of Toc H simply by the number of padres it has. Indeed, it's possible to imagine a situation in which the Fourth Point had taken such root in the life of the Movement that a National Chaplain would be the only one we needed to employ. I wish I could feel that that were the case now, but it isn't. The fact is that the low number of padres in the Movement as a whole is a direct reflection of the spiritual crisis which Toc H now faces.

In one of his prayers Tubby Clayton once wrote that *'Toc H is great only in so far as Christ is at its head'*. The plain fact is that we cannot hope to run a Christian movement if we are not prepared to suffer the embarrassment of Jesus. And that he is an embarrassment there can be no doubt. Many of those who followed him in Gallilee found him such, and followed him no longer because of it. He constantly challenges our values and the accepted wisdom of the time. He is uncomfortable, embarrassing, *'a folly'* and *'a stumbling block'*. But without him a Christian movement falls apart in disarray and bitterness. So Ernie's sardonic comment is also a true one! Being a padre in Toc H can, indeed, be a pretty soul-destroying job.

In his little book *'An Honest Test'* Bob Knight reminds us that in Toc H we have the opportunity both to test the Christian way ourselves, and to offer others the chance to share in that test. In our efforts to make as wide an appeal as possible to potential new members we have almost entirely lost sight of that. The Fourth Point, instead of being at the heart of everything, has in most cases become an optional extra for those who like that sort of thing, and that unique spirituality which Toc H once cherished is now hard to find indeed. We appoint to positions of responsibility people for whom the spiritual dimension means little or nothing. Yet without that dimension we lose the resources which enable us to love widely; building bravely degenerates into mere foolhardiness, and our ability to think fairly quietly slips away and we become, without realising it, prejudiced bigots no-one wishes to join. It is a sad road that we are set on — I hope that we shall find the courage to change it.

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Cover picture

Gilbert Francis in characteristic pose at the Rhine Army Summer Show.

Making a Home for the Homeless

Sue Biggerstaff

(In the August issue of Point Three we printed an article by Rose Radford about the Trinity Centre in Birmingham. We are very glad to follow that up with the report of a project which took place there this summer. — Ed)

When you first set eyes on the Trinity Centre in Birmingham, your heart sinks and your mind reels with trepidation. In front of you stands a church which, you are told, no longer functions as a place of worship but as a shelter for homeless men. As you walk through the huge wooden doors, you expect to be confronted by pew upon pew of inebriated tramps. You expect the building to be cold and damp, reverberating with echos. You wait for the inevitable stench to reach your nose.

But you are disappointed. Your mind has jumped to the wrong conclusion, has embraced the stereotyped images carved by the society to which you are lucky enough to belong. For within the outer shell of what used to be Holy Trinity Church, there is a modern three story building providing good facilities, warmth and comfort.

Therefore, the six Toc H volunteers who arrived at the Centre in the first week of August, were pleasantly surprised. This was the first full project to be undertaken here. Under the expert leadership of John Dickson, ably assisted by Kaddy Thomas, the team was set to work on making further improvements to the second and third floors.

For the first few days, the Group concentrated on clearing the top floor, where construction work is underway to



(L - R) Helen MacKeith, Kevin Cassidy and Suzanne Dunwell give the Day Centre a face-lift.

extend the Rehabilitation Unit. It was a very unglamorous task; face masks helped them to cope with the clouds of dust, but the main hazard was provided by the pigeons who had gathered in the rafters. Nevertheless, by the Tuesday evening the job was done. And the team of six had gained a new member.

Kevin Cassidy had only recently moved to Birmingham from Kilmarnock. He lives with his father, who at one time stayed in Trinity Centre. He still goes into the Centre most days and as Kevin had no friends of his own age, he went along too. Hence he got talking to the Toc H volunteers and asked if he could lend a hand. By the time I arrived on the Wednesday, Kevin was very much a part of the team.

The remainder of the week was spent redecorating the Day Centre. This brought the volunteers into closer contact with some of the men, who go in to watch television, play Pool, or simply to chat. When I first arrived, I was surprised to find that of the original team of six, four were girls. I asked if they had had any initial worries about spending nine days in a shelter for homeless men. Whilst admitting to having been slightly apprehensive, all said their fears had soon disappeared. And it was easy to see why. As soon as you walk into the building you feel at ease; the place has a very relaxed atmosphere. By the third day of the project, the volunteers had been accepted. Suzanne Dunwell remarked: 'It's hard to believe I was ever bothered about coming here'.



Tom McMillan, Works Manager, explains the reason for there being a safety-net at the bottom of the stairs.

Towards the end of the week, the Group was invited to have coffee with the Director, Bill Bellshaw. Mr Bellshaw spoke of the importance of changing fixed attitudes and over-coming the social stigma attached to being homeless. The men who go to Trinity Centre are the victims of poverty and homelessness, and therefore of inequality. The staff at the Centre are striving to help the residents integrate more successfully with the rest of society.

Before leaving the Rehabilitation Unit and venturing into the outside world, men will often go to see Mr Bellshaw to thank him for all he's done. And the Director thinks to himself, 'Well, what have I done?' Because in many cases he has just sat and talked over a cup of coffee — nothing more extraordinary than that. But obviously, in that small way he has made an impression on them.

This is why the presence of outside volunteers is welcomed and valued by the staff. During the first week in August, those who went on the Toc H project were especially good at socialising with the residents. They took the time to actually sit down and show some interest in men who are used to being ignored.

The Trinity Centre is a very special place. The images and the atmosphere stay with you long after you've left. The volunteers who went to work there, put a lot into what they did . . . but they got an awful lot out of it. If nothing else it made them realise that homeless men are not all one type. They are all individuals from different backgrounds and with different needs. Victor, for instance, worked as a gardener at Blenheim Palace. Always immaculately dressed, he contradicts the picture one generally has of a homeless person. 'Do you want to know why I'm here, luv?' he asked. 'I'm here because I was once desperately lonely. This place gives me companionship. I'm not lonely any more.'

The Director of 'Trinity Centre', Bill Bellshaw, meets with the team of volunteers for morning coffee.



Round and about

Hearing Dogs for the Deaf

How many sounds we hear in an average day are warnings or calls for action? An alarm clock, door-bell, kettle, a baby crying, car engine, approaching train, fire alarm, to name just a few.

A deaf person who might not hear them needs another pair of ears just as much as a blind person needs an extra pair of eyes. Yet while guide dogs are well established, a dog helping a deaf person is still a new idea to many.

Yet it is such a good idea that JAM, the Scripture Union's lively youth magazine is striving to raise £2,500 for Hearing Dogs for the Deaf. Since 1982 this organisation has selected, trained and placed suitable dogs, usually with those who have severe hearing loss, live alone and of course — like animals!

Deaf people feel isolated; particularly because most of us are so slow in recognising their real needs. So building up a mutual partnership with a dog has additional emotional benefits. The dog, which once may have come from an animal rescue centre needs appreciation, too!

Two dedicated trainers, Rachel and Shirley, put eight dogs at a time through a four month training programme at a centre in Oxfordshire. Here the dog is taught to distinguish between, respond to, and investigate noises. Clever canines must know how to attract their owner's attention and bring him or her to the source of the sound. Dogs are trained to respond to hand signals from people with speech problems and keep away from doggy distractions.

Intelligence is more important than breed or size. A chihuahua can be just as good at it as an alsatian!

To join in the scheme to raise funds to train a dog write to: 'Cold Noses, Warm Hearts', c/o JAM, 130 City Road, London EC1V 2NJ. A contribution entitles you to suggest a name for a dog!

Good Neighbours in Uxbridge

Uxbridge Toc H tries to be a good neighbour to those in the community with special needs. This year however, the numbers of disabled wanting to attend its Annual Party exceeded the capacity of its Headquarters and help was given by neighbouring Ickenham Guides accomodating the guests. As a result disabled people from various parts of the Borough enjoyed an afternoon of party fare and entertainment. Members from clubs for disabled included Ruislip Blind Club, and Mid-Middlesex Society for the Handicapped, the Council residential homes, Brookfield and Ryefield, along with Fairways Nursing Home, and others living at home. Sitting Ambulances were provided by Hillingdon Council and Fasnidge Old Peoples' Welfare, private transport came from Toc H members. Rousing entertainment was assured by the appearance of a section of the Ruislip Banjo Band, while Arthur Jones gave his unique solo act of coaxing sweet melody from an ordinary Wood Saw!

Yom Kippur

Just as Christians keep Lent as a special time of repentance and preparation before Easter the Jews also have a time of repentance and preparation.

Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, falls this year on 3 October, and it brings to an end ten days when Jewish people have opportunity to take a careful look at their lives before God.

'They have this short period between Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, and the Day of Atonement in which to "put their house in order"' explains Bernard Adeney of the Church's Ministry Among the Jews. Rosh Hashanah this year is on 24 September.

'As well as repentance, religious Jews will fast for the last 25 hours and go to synagogue on Yom Kippur in the hope

The Prince of Wales' Lamp — A New Postcard

A new postcard showing the elegant setting of the Toc H Lamp of Maintenance in its casket in the Lady Chapel will be available at All Hallows from 1 November. Not only is the Lamp of Maintenance of great significance to members of the Toc H Movement but the actual artistic work in the Lamp and its bronze casket is worth looking at.

The lamp, given to the church by HRH the Prince of Wales, later to become the Duke of Windsor, burns in All Hallows day in and day out.

The original casket made by the Bromsgrove Guild of Art is a perfect example of work produced by what is known as the Arts and Crafts Movement of England. Its tiny etched stained glass panels depict the heraldic devices of towns and organisations linked with Toc H, and the whole is designed to relate to the 'Croke Tomb' on which it rests.

Cards in full colour with a brief description of the Lamp of Maintenance and with information about the church will be available at 10p each. All the profits go towards the present ministry of All Hallows.

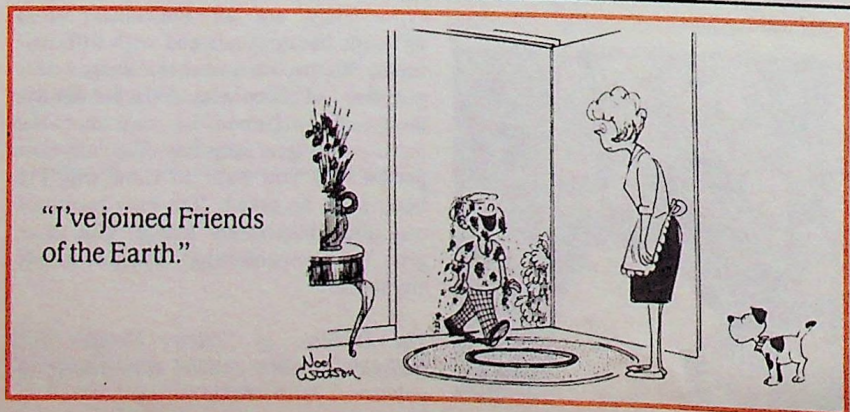
that their names will be found in the Lord's Book of Life.'

You can read in the Bible (Leviticus, Chapter 16) how the first Israelites kept the Day of Atonement from the time they left Egypt to travel to the Promised Land. The priest confessed the sins of the people, laying his hands on a scapegoat: this was driven off into the desert so that *'the goat will carry all their sins away with him into some uninhabited land'*. Another goat and bull were offered to the Lord as sin offerings.

Following the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem in AD70 Judaism rethought its teachings and there have been no more animal sacrifices for sin.

That's Life!

The Induction of the new Vicar was a much awaited occasion, and two friends were in the congregation, where they are regular members. The day after the Induction they went off on holiday for three weeks, then duly went back to church on their return, where their absence had obviously been noted! *'The Vicar looked a little sideways at us'*, said Peter, *'obviously thinking we had abandoned him — and then preached a sermon on the need to be regular at church!'*





Bramley's Golden Jubilee

To commemorate their 50th Anniversary the members of the Bramley (Leeds) Branch organised several events this summer commencing with a Thanksgiving Service held at St Peter's Church, Bramley on Saturday 30 May, 1987. The Vicar of the Church, Rev Gill Lurie has recently been appointed Branch Padre and she therefore conducted the Service. The members were pleased that their invitation for Rev Colin Rudd to join them at the service was accepted and he kindly agreed to give the address. After the Service refreshments were provided for guests which included representatives of other Branches in the Leeds District and former members and helpers of the Branch. The day's events were concluded with entertainment provided by the Pudsey Amateur Operatic Society.

It was decided by the Branch Members that it would be appropriate to put on a Float in the Bramley Carnival held on Saturday 4 July, 1987. The Carnival, which is held every two years attracts crowds of 25,000 with about 40 Floats in the Carnival Parade. The theme for the Float was 'Toc H links the World'. Preparations were in hand weeks before the event – a large Globe of the World was the centre piece, and decorating

materials were obtained from a large store in Leeds. On the day of the Carnival young children dressed up with national costume from various countries. All the hard work put into the preparation of the Float was not wasted because the Branch were awarded the Trophy for the Best Decorated Float. A fitting conclusion to the 50th Anniversary events.

A 'Drop-in' in Saltburn

Not all 'Drop-in Centres' work out as they were intended, but the Toc H one at Saltburn, Middlesbrough, seems to be going very well. It has been running for over three years, and it is a welcoming spot for single parents, the mentally handicapped and a few old age pensioners as well as unemployed young people. Many young people have not worked since leaving school at sixteen, and find the friendly Centre an invaluable source of support. All this needs a big commitment from those who are responsible for running the Centre – but I get the feeling that they find it as worthwhile and as much fun as the folk who go there.

Welcome

The following new members were registered during August:

Mrs M Harries, Mrs Edith Puddicombe, Mr H Tubb (Bexhill on Sea J), Mrs Pamela Grace, Mrs E Robinson (Bletchley J), Mrs Ethel Smith (Cambridge J), Robin P Varey (Central), Mrs Jennifer M Bainbridge (Cleveland District), Mrs Anne Bingham, Mrs Deborah Lay, Ms Susan McDermid (Colwyn Bay J), Mrs Margery M Blake (Edgmond J), Allan Richardson (Eyemouth J), Mrs V Hutton, Mrs Doreen O'Brien (Melton Mowbray W), Miss J Jones, Miss Margaret Mines, John R Norris, Frederick and Mrs Ina Northfield (Sheaf (Sheffield) J Grp), Miss Olive F M Bridgwater (Sutton (Birmingham) J), Mrs Monique Conliff, Mrs Iris Gouldbourn, Brian M Lincoln (Winsford J).

Welcome to 24 new members.

Port Penrhyn

Port Penrhyn Adventure Centre new reduced rates for Toc H bookings only. 'Weekends Away' £100 for groups of up to 34. Mountaineering / Hillwalking Activities extra charge according to numbers, October / March only. Bookings for Summer 1988 now being taken. Special reduced prices for Toc H Groups ONLY.

Please apply to:

Brenda Gould
The Manager
Toc H Activities Centre
Port Penrhyn
Bangor
Gwynedd, LL57 4HN

Tel: 0248 351906

Tailpiece

'The Church Times' recalls a rather nice story about the late Dr Newport White when he was Regius Professor of Divinity at Dublin. On one great occasion somebody noticed him sitting un-robed in a pew and whispered, 'Shouldn't you be in the procession'. To which the worthy Doctor replied, 'Just a little ostentatious humility'.

Colsterdale Keeps Getting Better!

John Dunwell

That's the verdict of many of the Centre's regular customers who have been this year.

With the considerable amount of money the Management Committee spent on re-roofing and installing central heating, the 'Centre for all reasons' now truly becomes the 'Centre for all seasons'! Added to this smaller items of equipment (including a music centre) from Weir Here — which sadly closed down in May — paint donated by Dulux, and helped to be kept clean by a vacuum cleaner donated by Electrolux, Colsterdale is improving to become 'deluxe'!

Some things don't change however. The valley of Colsterdale remains as breathtaking as ever — a panorama changing constantly with each season of the year and entertainment a-plenty to suit all tastes, from gentle local rambles allowing appreciation of the rich flora and fauna, to the excitement and bustle of Lightwater Valley — North Yorkshire's leisure park — only a short drive away.

Use of the Colsterdale Centre seemed to decline around the time of its lease renewal in 1985 but fortunately, bookings are on the increase once again, helped by security for many years to come.



What of the Centre's users? About a third of them are Toc H Groups who come as part of their projects, bringing, among others, single-parent families and mentally handicapped children. Several 'national' Toc H projects have come to Colsterdale, introducing cultural variety, care of Buggles and friends and the

'Scramble'! And, as the North East Region's Centre, Regional training events have taken place at Colsterdale.

Of the other users, the vast majority are local authority groups in one form or another — schools, social services, youth service and adult training centres. Most of these however continue the aim of the Centre in bringing people who, through various forms of disadvantage, might not otherwise get the opportunity of coming into the beautiful countryside and being challenged by the experience of living together.

The final group of users could be classed as 'other charitable groups' and have included churches and a day shelter for the homeless.

However, the year so far has seen the Centre vacant for a staggering 58% of the time, a situation I am hoping to change.

1988 charges have been fixed and bookings are now being taken. Groups confirming their 1988 booking will receive a User's Information Pack containing details about the Centre and ideas for programme planning. In addition to taking bookings in the usual way, the Management Committee are sponsoring a programme of special interest activities throughout 1988, including Folk and Craft, Photography and Painting, Naturalist and Conservation. These events will be open to anyone so, if you couldn't get to the Open Day at the Centre on 3 October, here's hoping you will get to Colsterdale for one of our special interest activities during 1988!

Colsterdale Centre Programme 1988

The programme of 'open events' at the Toc H Centre, Colsterdale, during 1988, will include:

Folk and Craft
Photography and Painting
Naturalist
Conservation
Plus many others

Colsterdale Centre Charges for 1988

	Adults	Children	Minimum Charge *
Weekend	£8.50	£6.00	£102.00
Mid-Week	£13.50	£9.50	£162.00
Full-Week	£22.00	£15.50	£264.00

*Minimum Charge based on a group of 12 adults.

For further information, send SAE to:

John Dunwell
Toc H Centre
Colsterdale
Masham, Ripon
North Yorkshire, HG4 4NN

Tel. 0765 (Ripon) 89382

TOC H ACCOUNTS

12 months to March 1987

HONORARY TREASURER'S REPORT

Introduction

What a great opportunity to serve Toc H as Honorary Treasurer — I am most excited and enthusiastic about the prospect and will do all I can to justify your confidence and to live up to my eminent predecessors in this principal office of the Movement. In reporting on the accounts I would like to comment on our good fortune in having such a sound and substantial financial base provided for us by the past good management of our resources. This could tempt us to take the soft option and to do less than our utmost to take personal responsibility for our own share of the real cost of the Movement's progress. We fell short of our target giving from membership in the year under review. At nearly half way through the current year I have to say that the signs are not encouraging that we shall see a much improved result this year. This of course requires a determined effort during the second six months to March '88. We shall spend over £1M for the first time in 1988/9 and we should be proud that Toc H takes such a substantial part in the voluntary societies' sector of our community. We must ensure it is wisely spent and that results are monitored in a caring manner.

Consolidated Accounts — Income

The Consolidated Accounts show income of £564,320 compared with £537,245 in the previous year. This increase came from donations, rentals and Centre income and additional grants received. Membership giving disappointingly showed a decline on the previous year and investment income dropped following the sale of investments in earlier years.

Expenditure

Expenditure rose to £844,226 from £780,853 last year accounted for by higher staff costs including training and redeployment and also increased depreciation and repairs and maintenance costs on properties and equipment. In terms of finance our Centres cost the Movement less than in previous years though further improvement is sought. Rentals of established Community Houses exceeded direct costs.

BAOR Service Clubs operated within the reduced budget laid down by the Ministry of Defence enabling costs to be fully recovered and the achievement of a break even or better situation is still the objective.

Talbot House Poperinge achieved a good financial surplus following better usage, improved management in conjunction with our Belgian colleagues and excellent financial support from the Friends.

Excess of Expenditure over Income

The Consolidated Income and Expenditure Account shows that expenditure exceeded income by £279,906. The comparative figure for the previous year was £243,608. These continued deficits have to be paid for out of Reserves or in other words the Development Fund.

Consolidated Balance Sheet

The major property movement in the year was the sale of the former Mark XX at Putney which realised £433,525. Edith House Winchester was also sold following the decision not to continue that specialised work.

Investments had to be sold early in the year to finance running's costs, but later on the sale of Mark XX enabled us to increase the book value of our investments by a net £206,792 over the year; the market value increased by over £1½ million.

The Development Fund representing the book value of all our assets less liabilities stood at £3,691,469 at 31st March 1987, an increase of £422,006 over the year as a result of profit on sale of properties and investments more than offsetting the deficit on the Income and Expenditure Account.

Comment

The financial health of our Movement at the date of the Accounts is undoubtedly good and our short term projects are also fair. However investment markets are fickle (see how they tumble when ever an oil crisis occurs or international tension mounts) and we should not expect everlasting increasing of values. I believe we should attempt more strongly to 'pay our way' so that we can use resources from our past good fortune for new and exciting activity to expand our spheres of influence and to promote more widely the dearly held four points of our Charter.

Edward Tunnadine

TOCH ACCOUNTS 1986/87

CONSOLIDATED INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1987

	1987		1986	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Central Donations and Income from Overseas		46,883		39,289
Regional Income:				
Subscriptions and Contributions from Branches and Members including Special Efforts	75,838		78,702	
Tax Recovered on Deeds of Covenant	10,281		9,910	
Builders Subscriptions	8,288		8,053	
		94,407		96,665
Income from Investments and Bank Interest				
– Current Year		213,118		225,434
– Prior Year		12,337		–
Rents Receivable and Centre Income		92,936		83,995
Amounts transferred from other Funds:				
Chaplaincy Endowments		5,414		5,389
Other Funds		1,702		–
Amounts transferred from Legacies		54,223		54,573
Grants Received (Note 11)		43,300		31,900
		564,320		537,245
EXPENDITURE				
Wages, Salaries and Other Staff Costs	417,159		376,498	
Employers' National Insurance	34,852		32,855	
Pensioners	30,979		32,244	
Staff Pension Fund	10,537		10,438	
Travelling and Subsistence	57,387		54,711	
Depreciation and Amortisation	76,136		58,290	
Loss on Sales of Motor Vehicles	738		1,146	
Training	12,281		8,228	
Rent, Rates and Insurance	38,315		36,290	
Light and Heat	25,980		23,359	
Post and Telephone	32,963		32,767	
Printing, Stationery and Print Room	8,506		8,258	
Audit Fees	5,935		5,192	
Professional Fees	4,429		5,109	
Repairs, Maintenance and Hire of Equipment	15,258		21,611	
Provision for Repairs and Maintenance of Property	37,683		32,859	
Conferences	5,165		4,458	
General Expenses	13,487		13,542	
Publicity	2,279		2,371	
Interest on Loans	7,437		8,662	
Deficit on Publications	5,068		6,965	
Grants and Payments to Branches and Regions (Note 11)	1,652		5,000	
		844,226		780,853
Toc H Services Fund – Excess of Income over Expenditure (Note 12)		(279,906)		(243,608)
		–		–
Excess of Expenditure over Income transferred to Development Fund		£(279,906)		£(243,608)

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

31 MARCH 1987

	1987	1986
	£	£
PROPERTIES, EQUIPMENT, BOATS AND MOTOR VEHICLES		
	1,400,928	1,448,349
INVESTMENTS		
At Cost or at Valuation when given (Market Value — 1987 — £5,809,521) 1986 — £4,249,943)	1,866,387	1,659,595
Held on behalf of Branches	11,505	13,005
Held on behalf of Talbot House, Southampton (Market Value — 1987 — £35,320) 1986 — £26,717)	9,664	9,664
LOAN — Talbot House Association, Belgium re Talbot House, Poperinge	39,533	39,533
CURRENT ASSETS		
Stocks	266,585	259,652
Sundry Debtors and Payments in Advance	192,641	109,745
Bank Deposit	195,690	118,496
Building Society and National Savings Bank Deposits	2,000	2,000
Cash at Bank and in Hand	155,049	89,183
Cash in Transit	221	224
	812,186	579,300
LESS: CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Sundry Creditors and Accruals	128,201	192,609
Current Account with Toc H 1964 Trust — Alison House	12,103	11,903
Loans from Branches and Members (Unsecured)	111,095	106,811
Current Provisions and Funds	65,453	37,347
	316,852	348,670
	495,334	230,630
	3,823,351	3,400,776
LESS: DEFERRED LIABILITIES	1,569	1,537
NET ASSETS	£3,821,782	£3,399,239
Represented by:		
DEVELOPMENT FUND	3,691,469	3,269,463
FUNDS HELD FOR SPECIAL PURPOSES	130,313	129,776
	£3,821,782	£3,399,239

Note:

Development Fund. This Fund represents the consolidated financial resources of Toc H with assets and investments valued at original cost less depreciation as appropriate.

The Fund increased during the year by £422,006 as follows:

Fund at 31 March 1986

£3,269,463

Add: Excess of sale price over book value on realisation of:

Properties

551,886

Investments

97,798

Exchange Gain Adjustment on Toc H Services Fund

77,482

Legacy Fund Transfer

(25,254)

701,912

Less: Deficit on Income and Expenditure Account for the Year

279,906

422,006

Fund at 31 March 1987

£3,691,469

TOCH SERVICES FUND

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1987

	1987		1986	
	£	£	£	£
INCOME				
Canteens, Shops and Hostellers		1,652,425		1,367,557
Opening Stock	308,896		231,588	
Purchases and Shop Expenses	1,067,917		994,746	
	1,376,813		1,226,334	
Less: Closing Stock	266,564		259,652	
		1,110,249		966,682
Net Income from Clubs		542,176		400,875
Add: Grants from Ministry of Defence:				
— Trading		52,729		71,686
— Rent Reimbursement		3,007		4,049
Other Income		3,064		981
		600,976		477,591
EXPENDITURE				
Salaries and Wages (including Welfare Staff)	409,494		332,265	
Rent and Insurance	5,288		5,905	
Heat and Light	22,550		30,299	
Printing and Stationery	3,425		2,738	
Postage and Telephone	12,593		9,594	
Audit Fees	4,252		4,539	
General Expenses	14,781		11,149	
Travelling and Subsistence	10,262		8,916	
Vehicle Expenses	20,894		24,734	
Repairs, Renewals and Equipment	5,727		3,966	
Capital Expenditure: Vehicles and Equipment	39,370		15,466	
Projects	2,847		2,798	
Loss on Exchange	49,493		25,222	
		600,976		477,591
Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year				
BALANCE SHEET — 31 MARCH 1987				
Stock				
Debtors and Payments in Advance		266,564		259,652
Cash at Bankers and in Hand		7,976		7,805
Less: Creditors		283,756		266,160
		(72,273)		(125,076)
TOTAL NET ASSETS		£486,023		£408,541
Represented by:				
TOCH SERVICES FUND				
Balance at 31 March 1986		408,541		352,367
Add: Excess of Income over Expenditure for the Year				
Exchange Rate Adjustment		77,482		56,174
Balance at 31 March 1987		£486,023		£408,541

The Accounts for the year ended 31 March 1987 were audited by Kingston Smith, Chartered Accountants, Devonshire House, 146 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 4JX. The foregoing Income and Expenditure Accounts and Balance Sheets are only extracts from the audited financial statements. Full copies of the accounts, including accounting policies and other notes are available to all members on demand. It would be helpful if any questions you may have on the accounts are submitted before Central Council to allow time for a full answer to be prepared.

E Tunnadine — *Honorary Treasurer*

A J Le Pere — *Financial & Properties Officer*

We will Remember...

Editor's Note:

Due to pressure of space, the Editor usually has to reduce the length of tributes sent in – and will continue to do so unless the author specifically requests 'All or nothing'!

We regret to announce the death of the following members:

In May

Phyllis Williamson (South East Hants District)

In June

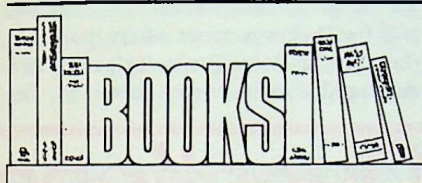
Norah Busk (Corsham)
William D Mather (South Yorkshire District)
Mary E Payne (Kennington)

In July

Robert Duckworth (Great Harwood)
Ruth M Evans (Orston)
Anne E 'Nancy' Fletcher (Melton)
Edmund Lewis (Bebington) Mowbray
Frances S MacMillan (Alston)
Frederick W Stock (late Gravesend)

In August

Col. John Davies OBE (Constable District)
Bernard R Key (Aylsham)
Fred A Lacey (Edgbaston)
Fred Lammis (Boston)
Violet Patterson (Sprowston)
Charles F Turner (Uxbridge)



'Down to Earth' – Ruth Russell

This a booklet which brings Advent right up-to-date. Ruth Russell, a Vicar's wife, knows what the hustle and bustle of pre-Christmas means at home and in the Church; and she has worked through the days of Advent, sharing thoughts and feelings with a sense of humour and understanding. The short 'meditations, straight from the heart, are splendidly illustrated by Barbara Boxwell.

We find ourselves standing, with Ruth, at the check-out in the supermarket 'just one of the grim-faced lemmings hustling down the High Street feeling duty-bound to buy'. But, more than that, she seems to have found an antidote to the seasonal pressures.

The anecdotes and poems are the result of her own efforts during Advent to turn the busyness into praise by focusing more clearly on Christmas as it should be. Fortunately for us, she responded when friends and family asked her to publish them, that they might be of help and stimulation to others.

Very good value, at £1.

Earlier this year N. Sussex District Branch lost an old and very valued friend with the passing of Rodney Hogben. Rodney was associated with Haywards Heath Branch and was Treasurer for many years. When Haywards Heath Branch closed down Rodney formed a link with Southdown District before coming to the N. Sussex District in the early 1980s. Rodney had a very likeable nature and was well known in the Haywards Heath Branch of Lloyds Bank where he worked for many years. He was a keen supporter of the Old House and was a very frequent visitor. His wife, Margaret and he were regular worshippers at All Saints Church, Lindfield and were keen workers in church affairs. In his younger days Rodney was a keen sportsman having an interest in swimming, rugby and golf which he still enjoyed up till his passing. Rodney never owned a car relying on his trusty bicycle for transport. We will miss him in N. Sussex.

AH

Richard (Dick) Moseley died in the local hospice in March after several months of distressing illness. He was in his 70s. Physically handicapped from birth, he joined Toc H many years ago, becoming involved in several jobs including that of Branch Treasurer, and retained his keen interest and loyalty until the Branch (King's Norton (M) Birmingham) closed. Thereafter he became a Builder and generously supported Toc H work whenever possible. Although severely restricted in movement, he proved a good church member always living by his faith, and retained the friendship and respect of many people to the end of his life.

JE

Ruth Mary Evans (aged 80), of Orston Branch, had been a member since moving into the village 16 years ago. She was an ardent churchwoman and an extremely active and popular figure in the community for, as well as being a devoted member of Toc H, she was a member of The Church Council, Mothers' Union and Womens' Institute. A lady of quiet but deep conviction, she will be greatly missed by all.

Doris Lloyd died on 1 July, having served the Branch (King's Norton and Northfield, Birmingham) for many years with loyalty, cheerfulness and a tremendous ability for fund-raising by the acquisition and sale of nearly-new garments, and also blanket-knitting for a local hospital. In her late 80s, with increasingly poor

'Christmas Joy' – Phil Mason

Phil Mason has added a new gift booklet to his delightful collection. People are now sending these to friends in place of Christmas Cards, as a keepsake. Each day, from Christmas until New Year's Eve, has a relevant reading of prose or verse.

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EMC

sight and latterly suffering the effects of angina, her spirit, uncomplaining ways, sense of humour and down-to-earth common sense were invaluable assets to Branch life and were an inspiration to us all. Doris was much loved and will be greatly missed by her many friends.

JE

Ted Lewis died in July aged 79 after a short illness. He had been a member of Bebington Branch from shortly after its foundation in 1953. Firstly involved in Toc H as a visitor to patients in the Male Orthopaedic Ward in Clatterbridge Hospital, our adopted ward, he became a very loyal and conscientious member; a true Christian in everything he did. He was instrumental in the formation of Leagues of Friends at two local authority homes for old people. Whatever the Branch did you could depend on Ted being involved.

RB

Frederick William Stock died on 21 July 1987. Until his Branch closed, on 31 March 1986, Fred was the Pilot and always quietly but firmly emphasised the Spiritual Nature of Toc H. At the same time he supported the practical manifestations of the Movement, and he willingly allowed the Branch to meet in his home when necessary. He was a tireless worker for the Church of England Children's Society and worked hard at the Mini-Handis which the Branch used to hold. He was a keen member of Christ Church, Gravesend, where he was greatly involved in the work of the Church Missionary Society.

JP

Uxbridge Joint Branch reports with much sadness the death in June of Charles Turner. Charles had been Branch Secretary since 1976. In the last few years he suffered increasing disablement but struggled to overcome it, attended regularly, between spells in hospital and continued in office always serving effectively and cheerfully. Charles, and his wife Marjorie found Toc H through a Branch Guest Night invitation and were caught up by its spirit. Charles had technical gifts which he freely offered in the work of the Branch and to many needy people when their clocks or domestic equipment broke down. In our Emergency Lights Service, Charles made Units, did installation and maintenance. His was an unobtrusive personal service and a gift for friendship with the handicapped which was recognised in the warmth of the affection for him by residents of the Princess Marina Centre for Spastics. It is people such as them, along with Uxbridge Branch members who now give thanks for the life of Charles with its faithfulness and kindness gratefully remembered.

BS

Fred Lacey joined Edgbaston Toc H over 40 years ago, first in the Men's Branch. He became Treasurer in 1955 and remained in this office until his death. He worked with typical enthusiasm in the Branch, and in his local church, where, as a churchwarden for the last 11 years, he determined to build it up to be a centre for all races and creeds, helping to preserve peace in a sensitive area, Handsworth in Birmingham. He will be a tremendous loss to us all.

We give thanks for their lives.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS-Part 2

Quality AND Quantity

John Mitchell

I wrote last month (at what some may feel to have been great length!) on the Meaning of Membership. I argued that membership of Toc H was a commitment to other members, in the community of Toc H, to travel with them. The journey we embark on is the Christian way, and all are welcome in that company of travellers.

A Movement like Toc H must be a wide collection of people, with varying degrees of involvement in it. But it depends on a firm core of members to keep it moving; people who take a personal responsibility for its future. Without that, it would become like the bicycle without pedal power – just freewheeling (preferably downhill) until the wobbles become too great and it falls over. Toc H cannot survive without a core of committed members, and it needs more of them.

The commitment needed is at two levels. It must be to a vision of a great Movement, playing its own special part in the whole world-wide body of Christian witness; a Movement committed to the faith that Love is unquenchable, and that we can all be part of the witness to that. At the same time, the member must also be able to look local, to worry about the detail, and to ensure that in its small processes the Movement does its work in a way that is both effective and caring. There will, of course, always be those so concerned about changing the world that they do not recognise the world when they bump into it, and conversely those who are so pre-occupied with the detail that they forget the direction they are meant to travel. The real member is a person who is a 'practical visionary', who has the vision, and who makes it work in practical ways, and who in the process fashions the small building blocks of love and care which, when added together, can change the world. It is as important as that.

By definition, a core of members is not the whole Movement, and it is right that in our company are those who do not see the vision, or who do not feel so deeply committed to the Movement. That is perfectly acceptable in a Movement which has always understood that people are at different stages in their journey, and that some will choose to journey in other vehicles than Toc H. However, in our ready acceptance of that fact, and those people, we must not lose sight of the need constantly to challenge individuals about their position. It is part of our responsibility for each other's

growth, but it is also a way of steadily renewing and broadening the central core of commitment. That core is too small. The fact that, at all levels, Toc H has difficulty finding people to hold office is one indication of that fact.

We urgently need to develop that core by challenging more people to take on membership. That is not to suggest a mass recruitment campaign, where we just count heads: we can do without that! But we do need to be far more positive in our approach to others, and to challenge them to join our Fellowship. We have found it a good thing – we have found it has touched our own lives – surely then we ought to go out to new people and lovingly drag them in? We should do that secure in the knowledge that Toc H has much to give them, and also that Toc H needs them. There's nothing wrong with that. Of course the starting point is to say to people 'Come and see' . . . 'Come and share the fellowship' . . . 'Come and help with this or that piece of work' . . . and one obviously does not flash membership cards at total newcomers, but in our anxiety not to frighten people off with the idea of membership, we often devalue

it, and lose out on good people. They need to be challenged. Their involvement in Toc H will not stay static – the person whose experience of Toc H is not constantly deepening will probably wander away quite soon. All too many young people have done so because we have failed to go beyond the original challenge of a project or job. There comes a time in the experience of every new person when the right next step is for them to be challenged to commit themselves to the Family, rather than just remain fellow travellers. Then, when they are in membership, there are all the further challenges of playing a fuller and more responsible role in the Movement. They are all part of the growth of the individual and the growth of Toc H, but it will not happen if we do not challenge people with the idea of membership.

Last February I wrote an article entitled 'Six Questions' about Branch standards. I suggested Branches might well use those questions as a form of self-assessment. I am using the same format here, and you will find below a series of six questions, (let's say 'Six More Questions') and I have developed each one into a few

Six More Questions

1. **DOES MY CONTRIBUTION TO TOC H SHOW THAT I SEE TOC H AS AN IMPORTANT MOVEMENT, OR JUST ANOTHER SOCIAL CLUB?**
 - a. Do I bring to my Toc H work the same effort, care and reliability that I do to my job, or do I lower my standards when 'off duty'?
 - b. Do I take my share of responsibility by taking office?
 - c. Is Toc H important enough to me to pray about?
 - d. Do I 'give until it hurts' when I pay my subs, or does Toc H just get my loose change?
2. **AM I CONSTANTLY TRYING TO DEEPEN MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE MOVEMENT?**
 - a. Am I one of those who does not need any further training (as I know it all!) or could I learn to play a fuller part?
 - b. Do I ever read Toc H books and the serious articles in Point Three, or do I just look at the pictures?
 - c. Do I believe I have something to learn from other members, even if they are 50 years younger or older than me?
3. **DO I 'PLAY SAFE' IN MY TOC H LIFE, OR DO I SEE IT AS AN ADVENTURE?**
 - a. Do I ever consider leaving the warmth of my own Group or Branch to try and start a new one?
 - b. Am I my own 'jobmaster', trying new avenues of service, or do I wait until someone prods me, and then plead a prior engagement?
 - c. Do I encourage my Branch or Group to visit others and to build wider links, or do I resent interruptions to the safe routine of the Branch night?
 - d. Do I ever risk writing to Point Three, or regional magazines, or do I just grumble about them at meetings?
 - e. Do I ever risk going away on a residential event?

Open Forum

We reserve the right to edit letters. Only letters with full name and address will be considered for publication.

To Conquer Hate

Colin Rudd, in his August editorial rightly shows that our history should equip Toc H well to play a part in ameliorating the disaffection which afflicts so many people in our society. And yet, our situation in Toc H today makes one pause. We know that one element in the magic that makes Toc H work — 'the mixture' — 'making sure' Colin writes, 'that . . . all sections of our community have been represented in our Branches' — is now mostly absent. Also, most units are in 'comfortable Britain' rather than in Urban Priority Areas where the alienation is most bitter. Nevertheless we must offer our tested and proved contribution; we have to try and find a way for people to know one another, this is what our contribution entails. And it is half the battle in ending strife, as Barclay Baron so memorably quoted it so long ago: 'to conquer hate would be to end

the strife of all ages, but for men to know one another is not difficult, and it is half the battle'.

If we don't, says Colin, 'we shall have become a bit more irrelevant and will have taken one more step towards the end of Toc H', thus uncomfortably expressing what we would like to think is unthinkable. Perhaps this stark warning will galvanise more Branches into action and to engage on this new front of battle to conquer hate.

Rudolf Loewy
Harrow

The Toc H Four Point Challenge

Edmond Joint Branch in Shropshire were privileged to have the pleasure of acting as hosts to this excellent team of cyclists who battled through all the elements to achieve their objective. Although it was early on their route the

members gathered together at their Treasurer's home and chatted to the team about their experiences 'en route' so far. They arrived early on Sunday evening — 4pm 26 July — on their way from Corwen and headed away early on Monday morning 27 July for Moseley in Birmingham. Our admiration goes out to them as they are all doing an excellent job for Toc H. We hope that this effort will stir up many people from all walks of life and prove that Toc H is still alive and its Lamps are burning brightly. Well done Simon, Sarah, Rob, Lucie, Julie and KT; not forgetting Julian in the back up Land Rover. Here's hoping you are all not too saddle sore. This proved to be a great privilege which none of our members would have missed for the world and will long be remembered for years to come.

Lawrence Barber
Edmond

sub-questions. This is to give members a chance to reflect on their own membership, and involvement in Toc H, and perhaps decide to go further. As I said above, nothing ever stands still, and the member whose commitment is

not deepening will probably find it is waning, however, slightly. I encourage members to reflect on these questions, either privately, or perhaps with others, and at the end of the day put up their hands and say 'You can count on me!'

4. AM I COMMITTED TO THE GROWTH OF TOC H?

- Do I take personal responsibility for bringing new people into contact with Toc H?
- Do I encourage people to become members, or am I apologetic about it and suggest it does not matter?
- Do I play a part in the welcome and hosting of newcomers and visitors?
- Do I ever say 'We pay the staff to recruit volunteers and members?'
- Do I sign the card of a new member, as his or her sponsor, and then do nothing more about it?
- When I talk to people about Toc H, do I sound enthusiastic or depressed?

5. DO I TRY AND PRACTICE FAIRMINDEDNESS WHERE IT IS MOST DIFFICULT?

- Do I really try and understand the reasons for CEC and Central Council decisions which I dislike?
- Do I try and remember that there are real human beings at 'Wendover'? (Yes, even the Director!)
- Do I enjoy the fact that others have different views from me, or do I see this as a threat?
- Have I ever been known to change my mind and admit it?

6. DO I PAY LIP SERVICE TO THE FOURTH POINT OF THE COMPASS, OR DO I REALLY WORK AT THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS?

- Is Prayer something better left to the clergy?
- If it might embarrass someone, do I pretend Toc H is not too bothered about its Christian basis?
- Do I feel that I have covered the Fourth Point as long as I murmur 'Amen' at the end of Homegoing Prayers?

A Friend for Joanne

I am writing to thank you for publishing my letter re Joanne Fulton in the June issue, and to thank all the people who replied, particularly those with Brownie connections. Needless to say, Joanne was thrilled, but says there are too many letters for her to handle herself. She will pass on some of them to other people, and will try to see that all are answered in time. Thank you for your thoughtfulness. I hope it is possible for each one of you to form an interesting connection with somebody from our beautiful island State.

Jean Hayes
Tarraleah

AIDS

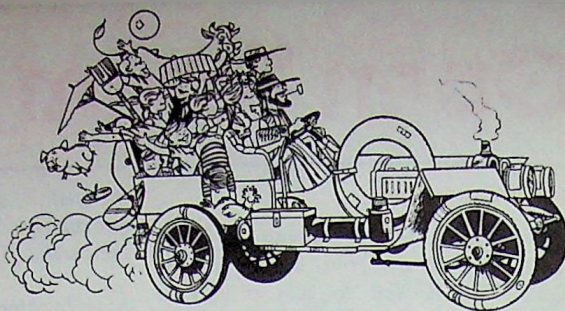
The question of AIDS appears to be, and undoubtedly is, not merely of medical concern, but more essentially of social malaise.

It has been all too apparent in the past for those who should have known rather better, but seem to have known rather less, to actually undertake and encourage such social manifestation akin to that of Sodom and Gomorrah. Sackcloth and Ashes were both the order of the day, attributed to such abomination. An abomination that did not go undismissed even as in our present age of post-Christian era, we should do well to heed such pretence, as there may be, for time is not of the essence, and waits for no man — indefinitely.

J A G Lawrence
Birmingham

Projects 1928 style!

John Bryan



Who said that projects were a new idea? Way back in 1928 the founder members of Anstey Branch pondered on ways of serving the elderly residents of our village, the population of which was at that time around 2,500 inhabitants.

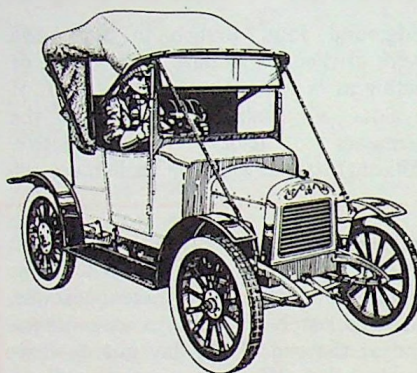
'Why not organise an afternoon car ride and stop for tea somewhere?' was the bright suggestion of one of the stalwarts. It should be remembered that private cars in those days were few and far between and owned only by people of quite substantial means. However, the idea was taken up and approaches made to six or seven persons known to possess the luxury of modern transport. A list was then compiled of those folk who, it was thought, might benefit most by such a bold venture.



Early on a bright Saturday afternoon in the summer of that year a varied collection of vehicles including a Model T Ford, a bull-nose Morris complete with 'dickie-seat' and an Austin Seven 'Chummy' duly arrived at the homes of 18 or so eager and apprehensive old people. The medley of brightly polished machinery complete with passengers assembled at the village green. Tyres adjusted to correct pressure, spare water in case of boiling radiators, and a can or two of petrol in the event of a faulty fuel gauge or most likely no gauge at all! — service stations were yet unborn and garages were miles apart.

What excitement prevailed, the ladies bedecked in best bonnet and men resplendent in Sunday suit and bowler. After a roll-call the parade moved off in convoy (this in the likely inconvenience of a mechanical breakdown) amidst cheers, chugging engines and clouds of

exhaust smoke. Imagine the thrill for the guests to be conveyed so majestically through the delightful countryside of our lovely Charnwood Forest. A pleasant little tea-room aptly named Cottage-in-the-Wood was the venue for tea served by Branch members. Time for a chat and then home again with tales of adventure to relate to family and friends.



The following Branch Meeting presented the problem of how to pay for the teas, no other expenses being incurred since the drivers had given their services to the cause. Records reveal that the members had a 'whip round' to settle the account.

So it began and each successive year the same basic pattern has been followed with the exception of the war years when few cars were available and petrol was strictly rationed. Only during that period was the use of buses resorted to. Until 1953 we were able to afford the services of professional caterers. Alas the growing population of the village to around double that of those early days resulting in an increasing number of eligible guests, plus the escalating costs of catering for such a large gathering necessitated the adoption of our own catering facilities. This is provided by members of our men's and women's Branches assisted by a number of friends.

A 'whip round' as on the occasion of the first Outing could not be expected to finance the costs of subsequent efforts and so it was decided that 'Carol Singing Around the Village' on Christmas Eve followed by a house to house collection on Christmas Day could provide the necessary funds. Thus it has continued year by year.

The progressive increase in the size of the village has meant a departure from singing on Christmas Eve and we now, with help from other groups of friends, perform our caroling on two or three evenings during the week prior to Christmas. The collection is still confined to Christmas Day. The proceeds are entirely devoted to our Outing Fund and the contributions received from the caring community of the village ensure each year that the financial outlay for each subsequent Outing is adequately covered.

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The generous support of the residents of Anstey whose contributions to our Christmas Day collections in response to Carol Singing by Toc H and friends resulted in sufficient funds to cover the financial outlay.

Result: A wonderful experience. And the sun shone and made it all worthwhile.

Forthcoming Events

October

- 3 Colsterdale Open Day Open
9-11 Project 59. Come to Cuddesdon Open
10 Beds, Bucks & Herts Area Rally, Chalfont Centre Open
East Anglian Area Day, Norwich Open
17 Southern Regional Council S E Regional Council Open

- 18 N Wales and Marches Area Get Together
23-25 Notts & Derby Area Weekend, Alison House
24 N Wales and N West Regional Council
24-31 Project 73(b). Painting & Music Cuddesdon (new date) Open
26 - Project 78. Shades of 1 Nov Autumn, Alison House Open

November

- 6 - 8 Central Council
13 - 15 Project 60. Conservation Weekend, Dorking Open

December

- 9 N Wales and N West REC
11-13 Project 61. Christmas Chaos, Shenley Hospital, St Albans Open
29 - Project 62. Panto Pranks, South East Open
3 Jan

Alison House

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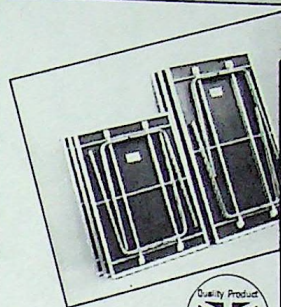
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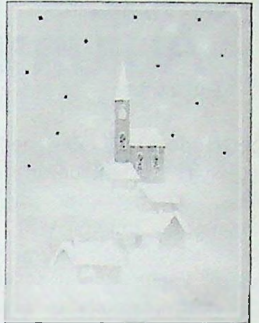
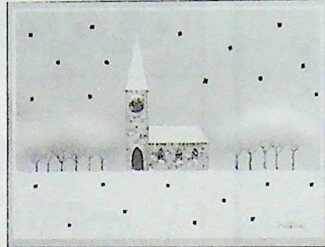
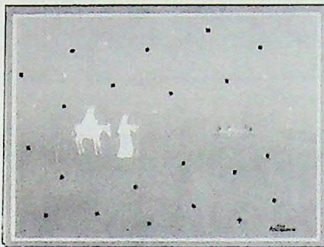
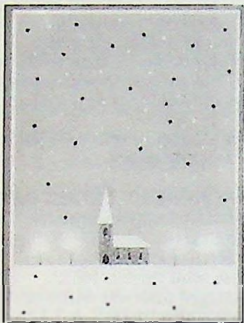
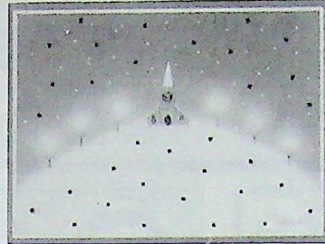
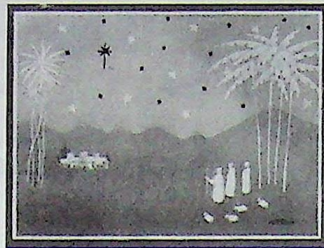
Each bedroom has a very high standard of furnishing with own wash-basin. There are good shower facilities, lounges, TV Room, small garden and the Community Chapel. Wholesome cooking is the norm. Sadly, accommodation is not suitable for children, smokers and persons on specific orthodox diets.

For further information contact:

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Toc H Christmas Cards



The cards illustrated here were produced by the South Western Region but are available from Headquarters.

There are two versions available 'Religious' and 'Robins', they are both approximately 3" x 4" and the cost is 45p per pack plus 10p per pack for postage.

Please order direct from Toc H Headquarters, 1 Forest Close, Wendover, Aylesbury, Bucks HP22 6BT, and state which design you require. Cash with order please. Alternatively ask your Central Councillor to get these for you at Central Council in November to save postage.

